

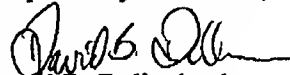
REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending. Claims 14-16 were considered to be allowable. Claims 11, 12, and 18-20 were objected to, but considered to be allowable upon amendment. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments to the claims. Each of the independent claims, except claims 8 and 21, has been amended to incorporate the language claiming a hole and a slit, each of which was included in the allowable claims. Claims 8 and 21 specifically recite the gripping action provided by the retainer, as discussed in paragraphs 31-37 of the application and, as referenced in the Interview Summary dated April 23, 2003. The cited art does not disclose or suggest an eyeglass retainer that grips the temple of an eyeglass, as claimed.

In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact the undersigned attorney at 801-321-8826.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2004.

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